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URGENT COVID 19 MESSAGE **NEW STRAIN OF COVID 19 IN WISCONSIN**

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THE NEW
STRAIN OF COVID 19 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN
WISCONSIN.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? All viruses mutate their genetic material in order to keep surviving. This mutation in the virus makes it **MORE INFECTIOUS** meaning it will spread from person to person even faster than the current Covid-19 virus. Easier spread means more cases, and more cases means more will become severely ill, and more will die.

WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN? All Menominee must take this news seriously and realize **ANY** gatherings in homes will spread virus faster. It is vital that people **RE-COMMIT** themselves to wearing masks, washing hands, keeping 6 feet



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distance, and stop visiting gathering in the homes of friends and family.

WHAT ABOUT VACCINE?

- **So far, research is showing the vaccine should work against this new strain, but clearly more research will be needed.**
- **People need both doses of vaccine to be immune to any strain of Covid 19. It will be many months before the majority of the community is fully immunized. Therefore it is vitally important to TIGHTEN THE SCREWS of public safety measures!**

WHAT MORE CAN WE DO?

- **Wear a mask in your home if you live with a high-risk person (an Elder, people with diabetes, or who take mediations which impairs the immune system.).**



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- **Wear a mask in the car if you are transporting a high risk person, even if you live with them.**
- **Be very careful at home to keep 6 feet away from other adults, especially those at high risk.**

IF INDIVIDUALS CAN IMPROVE THEIR OWN SAFETY BEHAVIOR, AN OUTBREAK FROM THIS NEW STRAIN OF VIRUS CAN BE PREVENTED.

IF AN OUTBREAK OCCURS, THE TRIBE MAY BE FORCED TO LOCK DOWN SERVICES AGAIN. DO YOUR PART TO KEEP SCHOOLS, TRIBAL OFFICES, AND BUSINESS OPEN! WEAR YOUR MASK, KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE, WASH YOUR HANDS, AND DON'T GATHER!!!